Rate Hearing Still Engages the Attention of the Corpoartion Commission.

PLANT MAY FINISH TUESDAY

And the Adjournment Will Then Be Taken Until June 25th. Harmonious Day,

With Mr. A. H. Plant, comptroller of the Southern Railway, still on the stand on cross-examination, the State Corporation Commision, at 5.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, took a recess until 11 o'clock Monday. At the request of counsel on man Crump that after the completion of Mr. Piant's testimony, which Mr. Braxton said would be probably next Tues-day, a further recess would be taken un-

til Tuesday, June 28th.

There were no striking features in yeaterday's session, unless it was the searching cross exantination, through which Mr. Braxton put the winess all during the day. There were no objections by counsel, and no sharp debates, involving fine legal points, as has been the case on several previous days. The session was harmonious throughout, and all parties seemed to be in an agreeall parties seemed to be in an agree-

able mood.

It was about 11:20 o'clock when the commission convened, and after some discussion as to a recess, it was announced that at the conclusion of Mr. Plants testimony, which will be early next week, the commission will adjourn until Tuesday, June 26th.

Mr. Braxton resumed his cross-examination of Mr. Plant, and asked the witness if he would file statements in evidence later of certain issues of stock of his company, and the witness said he would.

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He was asked to explain what items were included under the head of general expenses in 196, which he did. Asked as to Salaries.

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Mr. Braxton wished to know what salaries were included in the salary item of 1234,133, and the witness said this would be hard to do, as there were fluctualtions, and that to some extent the salaries were charged in part to other properties. He could not, for these reasons, furnish a tabulated statement giving the individual salaries included in the item.

"Do all of the salaries of your general officers appear on your pay rolls?"

"Will you kindly file a copy of your pay roll for general officers in 1865."

"I will."

"Will you please explain what items are included under the head of 'repairs and maintenance of roadway,' amounting to \$3,142,000 and appearing in your annual report of 1905?"

In answer to this question, witness read from the report of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the list of items was a long one, most of them having reference to keening the madway.

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"It seems that your company spent in 1905 for maintenance of way and structure on all its lines \$6,458,568. Do you understand that this was necessary to merely keep the road in its original condition, or was it to substantially improve the property?"

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"I should say that this was necessary to keep the road in the condition it was at the beginning of the year."

"Mr. Plant, taking your several annual statements since the organization of your road, we find the following items charged to maintenance of way and structure."

June 30, 1895. \$2,078,245

June 30, 1895. \$3,385,699

June 30, 1897. 2,920,190

June 30, 1898. \$2,964,617

June 30, 1899. \$3,645,630

Miles Operated.

"What was the miles operated by your ompany in 1895?"

Witness then gave the increase in mile. Witness then gave the increase in mine-age, bringing it up to 7,195 in 1200, and Mr. Braxton asked how much was actual-ly owned by the company. Ha gave these increases including trackage rights and casehold estates. "Do you mean to say that this \$50,-600,000 was spent in ten years on your

WAS WEAK AND DIZZY

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Restored the Patient to Perfect Health and

Strength.

Mrs. Mary Gagner, of No. 576 South Summer Street, Holyoke, Mass., has passed through an experience which proves that some of the greatest blessings of life may lie within easy reach and yet be found only by mere chance. A few years ago while she was employed in the mills she was suddenly seized with dizziness and great weakness. "I was so weak at times," she says, "that I could hardly stand, and my head became so dizzy that it seemed as if the floor was moving around.

"My condition at last became so bad that I was obliged to give up work in the mill, and later still I became so feeble that I could not even attend to me household duties. After the slightest exertion I had to lie down and restuntil I regalned strength.

"A friend who had used Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People urged me to take them. The benefit was so positive and so quickly evident that I continued to use the pills until I had taken altogether six boxes. By that time I was entirely cured, and for two years I have had no return of my trouble," I am now in the best, of health, and able to gittend to all my duties. I am gind to acknowledge the benefit I received, and I hope that my statement may be the means of inducing others who may suffer in this way to try this wonderful medicine."

The secret of the power of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills in cases of debility, such as Mrs. Gagners, lies in the fact that they make new blood, and every organ and evon every new tiny nerve in the body feels the stir of a new tide of strength.

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of strength.
Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all druggists, or will be sent, postpaid, on receipt of price. So cents per box, six boxes for \$2.50, by the Dr. Williams Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

of ten years they were a no better condition and the propert, 10 more valuable?"

He said prior to 1902 some improvements and betterments may have been energed to operating expenses, though since then, none had been so charged, Ildid not think it could be fairly said that keeping the road in order was not but improvement.

"Is it not a fact that a railroad, up to date, in 1905 is a much more claborate and expensive structure than such a one in 1865."

"That is true, and it is made so by the demands of traffic."

"The cost in 1893 of maintaining a mile of your road was \$70, and in 1906 it was \$77, and yet you say the road is in good condition. How do you reconcile this increase of nearly 28 per cent. In the cost of maintenance?"

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The witness proceeded with his answer, and he made a lengthy explanation, designed to show that Mr. Braxton's delutions were incorrect. Witness was questioned at length, as to the total tonnage of his whole line for certain years, and he could not give much information on the subject, as he had not the figures, and he said the information was not obtainable.

Afternoon Session.

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The commission met in afternoon session at 3:50 octock, and Mr. Braxton resumed his cross-examination of Mr. Plant. The lawyer, with the Southern's report for 1960 before him, continued to question the witness as to items contained therein.

Taking heau after head, he asked for the interest contained in each, and the witness answered most of them by reading the requir/ments contained in the reports of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

This portion of the inquiry was very dry to a layman, but every one linterested could see that the attorney for the Commonwealth was leading up to softed in morant point, and they, therefore, gave their undivided attention.

The attendance of railroad attorneys and officials was smaller than on former days, only those of the Southern, Chesspeake and Ohiw is the next road to be called. Treasurer W. D. Duke, of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Polomae Reillroad, was an interested speaker during most of the days.

The eleventh annual report of the Southern Railway Company, from which Mr. Braxton was getting the basis for his questions, is a volume within itself, and it looked as though he would never reach the last page.

Witness was asked if he could (sit what parts of the loss and damage and personal injury accounts were charged to Virginia in 1965, and he answered thus: "The item of loss and damage in Virginia for the year ended June 20, 1905, was \$125,996.

"Personal injury, apasted June 20, 1905, was \$125,996.

"Personal injury, promping at Alexandria, Lynchburg, Danville, Richmond, Charlottesville and Monroe were not much larger than the intra-Bisle business would either demand or justify.

The answer was that this was probably true to some extent, and yet the demands for modern equipments, even for intra-Siate business, would require adequate accommonations.

How They Are Charged,

"Are not all the expenses of maintaining and operating these terminals charged in the parts of the long and operating these t

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"It freight is shipped from Charlottes-ville to Lynchburg, do you classify it as local or through freight?"

"We make no classification of this."

"Oan you tell me, Mr. Plant, later on, what was your tonnage in Virginia for the year ended June 30, 1968?"

"It cannot, unless you will bear, the expense. It will be very costly."

The witness was cross-examined at great length as to what he had said about the running of local and through freights, on his examination-in-order, and, while the questions were adroit and enlangling, the answers usually were careful and deliberate.

Toward the end of the session the witness eeemed a little weary, and now and then, as Mr. Braxton would ply his well-considered questions, he would say, "I cannot answer that," but, from his general bearing and demeator on the stand, he has not only evidently, been there before and the one of the ablest realizable.

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WEDDING IN HANOVER.

beautiful early morning wedding Wednesday, June 6th, when Miss Susie Gray, daughter of Mr. W. A. Gray, one of Hanover's most prontinent clitzons, became the bride of Mr. Cooli C. Bowles, a successful merchant of Goochland county. The church had been made beautiful with evergreens and white roses, and long before the hour for the wedding it was filled to overflowing with their hosts of friends. Promptly at 9 o'clock, to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Mr. Arthur Brown, the bridal party entered the church. First, the ushers—Mr. Rufus Gray and Dr. Knight Bowles, Messrs. Herbert Brown and Cavil Bowles. Then the sholes most become with his best man, Mr. Alfred Gray, brother of the bride; then the bride, most becomingly attired in a tan acolian cloth traveling gown, trimmed in brown with duchess lace bolero, and wearing hat to match, with her maid of honor, Miss Georgia Bowles, sister of the groom, in white. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. H. Melton, of Richmond, and was very impressive: Immédiately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Bowles left for Washington and other Northern points. They were accompanied by Miss Esther Purcell, daughter of Mr. C. D. Purcell, and Mr. Lindsay, Gray, brother of Mrs. Bowles, and by Dr. Mac Shoenbaum, of Hanover, and Miss Georgia Bowles, of Richmond. These cour's were en route to Washington on matrimony bent, and were married upon their arrival in the city. Surely Dan Cupid should be content with this one day's work in this community. The best wishes of their hosts of friends, both at home and in Richmond, go with them all.

Dancing at Westhampton. Dancing at Westhampton,
Hereafter dancing will be free every weekday afternoon in Westhampton Park from 6 to
7 o'clock. The weekly programmes of Corrado's Royal fisalism land will be made up of
waltes, two-stops, polkas, quarriles and other
dance music. The floor of the large davillion
has been put in perfect lose that finds people
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the park will be maintained at the same high
standard as characterizes all the amusement
fellers of the of for Nice People," and others
will be very quickly convinced that they are in
the wrong place.

Richmonders in New York.

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BETTER CIGARS-HOW TO KNOW THEM

CIGAR EDITORIALS-No. 6

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done his part. As an example of what!" A" (Triangle A) methods have accomplished try the

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ADDRESS ON NATURE STUDY

Superintendent Joyner Declares * Compulsory Attendance Necessary.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
RALEIGH, N. C., June 14.—The North
Carolina Teachers' Assembly to-day
stected officers as follows: President.
Superintendent J. A. Mathewson, of Durham; Pirst Vice-President. Thomas R.
Foust, Guilford; Secretary and Treasurer,
R. D. W. Cannor, Raleigh; Vice-Presidents, W. J. Martin, Davidson; J. A. MoLeod, McRae Institute; W. S., Shipes,
Winston-Salem; F. P. Hall, Gastonia;
Miss Annie Wetmore, Greensbore; Mrs.
W. C. Brooks, Elizabeth City.
The morning session was devoted to
three addresses, by Dr. Edward F. Bigolow, of Stamford, Conn., editor of St.
Nicholas Magazine, on "Nature Study";
State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner, on

Miss Susie Gray Becomes Bride

of Mr. Cecil C. Bowles.

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DURHAM DEMOCRATS.

J. Crawford Biggs Nominated for

Judge.

(Epecial to The Times-Dispatch.)

DURITAM, N. C., June 14.—The Democrats of the Minth Judicial District met
in Durham to-day at moon for the purcrats of the Minth Judicial District met in Durham to-day at noon for the purpose of nominating a judge and solicitor for this district. J. Crawford Biggs received the nomination for judge on the first ballot, with 114 votes. Judge Thomas M. Shaw, of Greensboro, received 72 votes, and M. B. Gattis, of Hillsboro, came last with 20 votes.

After the nomination for judge, the name of Solicitor A. L. Brooks, as solicitor to succeed himself, was placed before the convention. There was no other nomination, and a motion was made to suspended the rulesof the convention, and nominated Mr. Brooks by acclamation. This was done by a rising vote.

The executive committee of this judicial district was then appointed, and is composed of the following from their respective counities: Alamance. A. M. Garlend, Durham, H. A. Foushee; Guilford, John M. Wilson; Granville, W. A. Deven; Person, J. A. Long, and Orange, Frank

Person, J. A. Long, and Orange, Frank Nagh. The attendance at the convention was large and enthusiastic, and all felt that

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their party is sure of success in the fall election.

The County Executive Committee of the Democratic party had a short meeting this morning, and Jones Fuller was elected chairman, to succeed J. S. Manning, whio resigned.

AFTER EIGHT YEARS.

Escaped Prisoner Retaken-Novel Plea of Condeffined Man. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

DURHAM, N. C., June 14-James Burch, a negro, who escaped from the county roads eight years ago, was captured this morning and will be sent back to serve out his sentence of several

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The attorneys for J. H. Hodges, the wife-murderer, who is sentenced to be hanged June 20th, are proparing an appeal, which promises to be an interesting point of law to decide. When the trial was on, counsel for the defendant made motion to separate witnesses, and this order was made. Later, after all of the State's witnesses had been examined, the defendant tendered a witness, who had heard the trial. Owing to this and the rule, he was forced from the stand. The defendant claims that, under provisions of the Constitutions of the State and of the United States, that the defendant was not allowed to face his accusers with his witnesses. More than ordinary interest will be taken in the outcome of this point.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

Sunken Schooner Was the Jennie Sweeney Instead of the Sabean. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

WILMINGTON, N. C., June 14.-Papers the schooner Jennie Sweeney, Captain Fornimore, coal laden, from Philadelphia to Mayport, Fla., were found among wreckage picked up this afternoon by

wreckage picked up this afternoon by Captain E. H. Adkins, of the fishing steamer Nellie B. Dey, off Lockwoods Folly, about ten miles from the scene of the sinking of the unknown schooner, five miles off the Cape Fear bar yesterday morning.

The wreckage, with hardly a doubt, is from the sunken craft, and it is reasonably certain that it was the Sweeney which went down, instead of the E. A. Sabean, as previously supposed. The Sweeney halls from Philadelphia, and sailed from the home port May 29th. An effort was made by the revaule cutter Séminole to blow up the wreckage of the sunken yessel to-day, but it was unsuccessful, and another atempt will be made to-morrow. There are still no tidings of the crew.

ber of Attempts in Short Time.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch).

SUICIDE EPIDEMIC. Durham Has Extraordinary Num-

PHIL. G. KELLY,

AND LOSES HIS JOB

Postmaster Confesses to Embezzling and Secreting Mail.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTE, N. C., June 14.—Postmaster George L. Patterson, of Concord, pleaded guility to violations of two United States statutes in the Federal District Court here to-day, and was fined fifty dollars, the minimum punishment, by Judge Boyd.

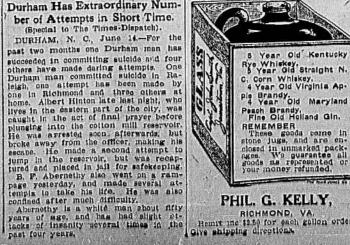
The charges against Patterson were embezzlement and opening and secreting mail addressed to a patron of the Concord office. Assistant Postmaster Cook, who was the chief witness for the government, testified that he saw Patterson abstract an ostrich plume and a magazine, but he paid the addressee of the former the value of the plume, and she permitted it to go as a business transaction. The hearing consumed the entire

This Line in North Carolina. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.) RALEIGH, N. C., June 14.—In a

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RALEIGH, N. C., June 14.—In a review of the educational progress in North Carolina during the past year, prepared by State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner, read before the North Carolina Tenchers' Assembly and Summer School, to-day, it is declared that the greatest and most distinctive progress has been made along the lines of building and improving school-houses, establishing rural libraries, county supervision, grading and systematizing courses of studies, and in the work of the women, through their organization, for the betterment of public schools.

The review shows that there were 440 schoolhouses erected in accordance with plans approved by the State Department of Education; \$197,990 was spent in repairing schoolhouses in rural districts, and \$60,030 was spent for the same purpose on the rural districts. The use of the State loan fund, he says, has been a potent factor in this progress in building schoolhouses. The loans to date aggregate \$206,078, the entire fund, including the bonds of the State for \$75,000, due

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July 1, 1906, amounts to \$253,000. Since the establishment of the fund, in 1903, ald has been given in the erection and improvement of 556 houses, valued at \$513,426.

As to rural libraries, it is shown that 316 were established during the year, with 22,064 volumes, valued at \$16,380; also, 63 supplementary libraries, valued at \$945. There are now 1,365 libraries in the State, which cost \$40,878, and contain 113,208 volumes.

During the year 133 school districts have voted special taxes for the improvement of schools, and four-fifths of the counties in the State contain local tax districts, there being in all \$67 of, these districts.

The State superintendent declares, in conclusion, that three problems which now confront the friends of education in this State are the establishment of rural public high schools, increasing the compensation and efficiency of teachers, increasing the enrollment and attendance.

New Railroad Chartered.

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EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS.

Review of Year's Work Along
This Line in North Carolina.

CHESTER STREETS.

Commissioners Appointed to View Them Do the Work.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CHESTER, VA., June 14.—The commissioners, and some of them from the remote parts of the county, appointed by the board of supervisors to view and report on an extension of streets in the village of Cheater, and the opening of a road between Chester and Centralia, met there yesterday, and they also "had a fine time." Hon. E. P. Cox. of Richmond, attorney, for the Atlantic Coast Line, and Mr. David Laprade, county surveyor, participated. After the board had assembled, it was discovered that there was no law officer on hand, or in the town at the time to swear them, and so they lingered, and soon after started out to inspect, waiting for Squire Robertson, when the rain came and drove them to shelter. After soing over the route, they returned by trolly from Centralia, and on the car they met the justice, who took their oaths, not considering any they may have made on their journey. They then had to consider whether they had to make the trip over again; but the magistrate considered that all the swearing necessary had been done, and they need not repeat the trip.

The "Chesterfield County Bank" building has begun, and cargentors are fast at work to complete the house as early in July as possible.

The Bermuda District School Board were to meet here yesterday to take final action on the high school building, but not anticipating a fine time in the rain, they were scholars enough to stay at home.

Domern Conveniences. Mrs. Hunter: And what door is that?
The door of the medicine closet?
The Agent (who is showing them through the flat): Medicine closet!!! No. ma'am, this is the spare room!—Puck.

How'd you like to be the fourth as-sistant secretary to the chief clerk to the third associate superintendent of something or other on the Fennsylvania, and not be able to remember who gave you all your stock in good paying cor-porations?--Washington Times.

J. D. Tant, of Kuanah, Tex., is arranging for the establishment of a colony of American farmers in the State of Sonora, Stextoo. They will go from Texas, Kontucky and Tennesses.

LOSES HIS ARM BY A COMPOUND FRACTURE

Mr. Wm. Mathews Falls Twelve Feet in the Dark-

SCOTTSVILLE, VA., June 14 .- Mr

William Mathews lost his arm by amputation Tuesday as a result of a compound fracture sustained Monday evening by a fall in the darkness from the porch of his sister, Mrs. M. M. Blair, in Scottsville.

He had been chatting with his sister, who had gone in the house. Mrs. Blair, nearing a groan, ran out, but could not find her brother at first, as it was a very dark night. He presently came ut the steps, holding his right arm with the other hand. Both bones of the foreaim were protruding through the skin

aim were protruding through the skin.

Mr. Mathews had gone to the edge of the porch, and lost his halance, falling a distance of twelve feet. Dr. L. R. Stinson was called in, and dressed the injured member, but the patient suffered great agony Monday night, and on Tuesday Dr. B. L. Dillard was summoned from Alberone, and amputated the arm between the elbow and the wrist. The operation was entirely such

wrist. The operation was entirely such cessful, with no complications. Mr. Mathews displayed much nerve, going to the operating table without assistance, and, ten minutes after the last stitch was taken, was seated in a chair, peacefully smoking his pipe. He slept soundly Tuesday night, and had a good appetite Wednesday morning. Mr. Mathows is seventy-six years old, an old Confederate soldier and an uncle of Dr. W. M. Wade and Mr. R. I. Wade, of Richmond.

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